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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A. STATE 015900

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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON WHERE-
ABOUTS OR HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED REF A.

2. LIN SHUI-CHUAN, LU KUO-MIN, LIU CHIA CHIN, CHEN
CHING-SAN, YEN YIN-MO WERE ALL ARRESTED IN "LIN
SHUI-CHUAN" CASE IN 1967 (SEE TAIPEI A-536
OF MARCH IN 1968, TAIPEI 1829 OF JANUARY 1968, AND
TAIPEI 5097 OF DECEMBER 1969). LIN AND TWO
"RETURNED STUDENTS FROM JAPAN" WERE SENTENCED TO
FIFTEEN YEARS FOR "OVERTLY ACTING TO ILLEGALLY OVER-
THROW GOVERNMENT" WHILE ELEVEN OTHER DEFENDANTS
RECEIVED LESSER SENTENCES FOR "PREPARING TO ACT TO
OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT." REPORTEDLY GROUP GUILTY OF
"SCRIBBLING POLITICAL GRAFFITI, DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS
AND "WILD TALK" IN A RESTAURANT IN TAIPEI'S BROTHEL
DISTRICT.

3. SEPARATE INFORMATION SUQGEESTS LIN CHUNG-LI MAY
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH LIN CASE IN
1968 BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS. LIN U MAY HAVE BEEN A
FORMER ASSOCIATE OF PENG MING-MIN.

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RM WEI TING-CHAO, ALONG WITH HSIEN TS'UNG-MIN, WAS
ARRESTED IN 1964 PENG MING-MIN CASE, SENTENCED TO
EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON AND RELEASED AFTER FOUR. HE
WAS APPARENTLY ARRESTED AGAIN IN FEBRUARY 1971
SECURITY CRACKDOWN WITH LI AO AND OTHERS (REF B).
WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON HIS CASE.

5. EMBASSY FILES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON
HSU TSAO-TE HOWEVER, A BUSINESSMAN NAMED HSU
(FULL NAME UNKNOWN) WAS ARRESTED WITH LIN CHUNG-LI
IN MAY 1968 IN CONNECTION WITH LIN SHUI-CHUAN CASE.
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